

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**JANET ALICE MORRIS,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:14CV08**

**The Honorable Frederick P. Stamp**

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,**

**Defendant.**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION/OPINION**

On January 21, 2014, in conjunction with filing a Complaint against the Commissioner of Social Security, Plaintiff filed an Application to Proceed without Prepayment of Fees and Costs [Docket Entry 2]. The Court, by order dated January 24, 2014, and after review of said application, denied Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, reasoning that Plaintiff had sufficient disposable income to pay the filing fee to institute this action [Docket Entry 3]. In this Court's January 24, 2014, order denying application to proceed without prepayment of fees and costs, the Court ordered Plaintiff to pay the fees and costs associated with instituting this action within thirty (30) days from the date of entry of the order. The Court also informed Plaintiff therein that, if the fees and costs, in the amount of \$400.00, were not paid to the District Court Clerk within that time frame, a recommendation of dismissal would be made to the District Judge.

The Court's January 24, 2014, order denying application to proceed without prepayment of fees and costs was mailed to Plaintiff, *via* United States mail, and to Plaintiff's counsel, *via* electronic means, on January 24, 2014 [Docket Entry 3].

Plaintiff has not, as of this date, paid her fees and costs, in the amount of \$400.00, to the District Clerk to institute this civil action.

28 U.S.C. §1914(a) reads as follows:

The Clerk of each district court shall require the parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in such court, whether by original process, removal or otherwise, to pay a filing fee of \$400 . . . .

L.R. Gen. P. 3.01 provides the following:

The Court may authorize the commencement, prosecution or defense of any civil or criminal action or proceeding, or any appeal . . . , without prepayment of fees and costs or security, by a person who makes an affidavit that he or she is unable to pay costs or give security as provided in 28 U.S.C. §1915.

Plaintiff's affidavit was denied by this Court; she is required to pay the filing fee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For the above reasons, the undersigned respectfully **RECOMMENDS** that Plaintiff's Complaint (Docket Entry 1) be **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failure to pay the filing fee as required by 28 U.S.C. §1914(a) and the undersigned's order, dated January 24, 2014.

Any party may, within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of this Report and Recommendation, file with the Clerk of the Court written objections identifying the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objection is made and the basis for such objection. A copy of such objections should also be submitted to the Honorable Frederick P. Stamp, United States District Judge. Failure to timely file objections to the Report and Recommendation set forth above will result in waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of this Court based upon such Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984), cert. denied, 467 U.S. 1208 (1984); Wright v. Collins, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985).

The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide a copy of this Report and Recommendation to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel.

DATED: February 25, 2014

*John S. Kaull*  
JOHN S. KAULL  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE